



## A Distinguished Force

IT IS OFTEN SAID that in other countries the figure of a scout-captain mounted policeman is known upon the symbol of Canada, and it is true that the long association of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with the enforcement of law and order has made it famous in Canada and abroad. Originally known as the Royal North West Mounted Police, the force was first formed to patrol the west when the population was widely scattered and there was need to establish law and order among the white people and the Indians living there. It was at this time that the Mounted Policemen, with their scarlet coat and their horses became famous for the thoroughness with which he performed his duties, which were often tinged with risk and adventure.

## Has Changed With Times

The famous force has changed with the times. Now called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, it has for some years policed Canada in the enforcement of federal laws, and of provincial statutes in some provinces. Horses have given way to cars, and the traditional uniform to plain clothes in the performance of many of the duties carried on by the force, but the traditions of the service have not changed and it is known as one of the most efficient police forces in the world. The annual report on the activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was issued recently, and although written in restrained and official language it reveals that there is still color and adventure in the work of the famous force. The report tells that in the northward, 539,000 miles were patrolled in the past year, 46,800 by dog sled. However, other figures showed the trend toward the use of modern equipment in place of the horses and dog sleds.

## Work Covers Wide Range

One airplane was added to the mechanical land, sea and air transport equipment and it was reported that a helicopter is to be added, for the use of the new Newfoundland division. The number of dogs used by the force during the number of horses 17,177, serving the force with 153 horses. Manpower was increased by 130, raising the total of uniformed members of the force to 3,488. There are also 47 civilian and civil servants employed by the R.C.M.P. There were 43,000 inspections in the year. The investigations of the force ranged from cases dealing with murders and drug rings to the patrol of Arctic waters, rescues of disabled ships at sea by R.C.M.P. patrol vessels, and the delivery of mail in isolated areas. In dealing with subversive elements, also part of the work of the force, were included in the report, but were not made public. The report brings attention to the extent of the activities carried on by the famous force and the many and varied duties which its members perform in the course of their duties.

## ASPIRIN RELIEVES PAIN AND SORE THROAT DUSTO GOLDS "PAIN BUTTER PAST"

## Baby Princess To Receive Gift Of Wedding Dolls

BRANTFORD, Ont.—Authentically costume-dressed figurines representing the principals in the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have been sent to their daughter, 3½-month-old Princess Anne.

Mrs. Nina M. Webb, of Paris, Ont., made the miniature bride and groom, bridesmaid, Princess Margaret and the two pages, Prince William of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent.

Mrs. Webb had intended to send the dolls to Princess Elizabeth two years ago after exhibiting them at the C.N.E. But she held them back in order to get a first-hand look at the wedding gown, which was scheduled to be exhibited in Canada, in order to perfect the gown of her doll-princess.

The first costumes were designed from Mrs. Webb's huge collection of royal wedding photographs.

"I decided to wait until their first child was born, hoping all the time it would be a girl," she said. When Prince Charles was born, she said the birth of a girl before sending the dolls as a Christmas present.

The doll-princess is dressed in a white satin gown with a long train containing 114 stars. Balm stars and diamonds adorn the gown of Princess Margaret and the dolls. The dolls wear the blue and white of the pages, holding the train, wear white and white silk blouses.

Mrs. Webb, who has been doll-making hobby during the depression years when she was unable to buy dresses presents for her children, has also made a series of 10 figurines which she called "One Hundred years of Royal Wedding."

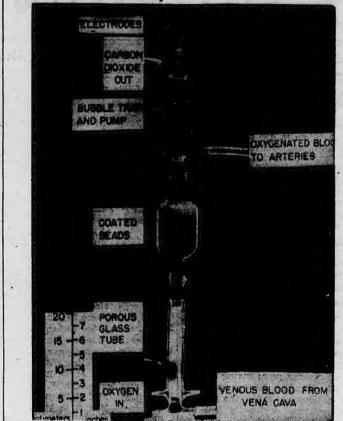
Included in the series are the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, King George V and Queen Mary, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

## Father Is Angry, Prints Son's Obit

CAIRO.—A father who disapproved of his son's marriage went to the son's obituary to a local newspaper. The son, a live and successful doctor, read that he had been "suddenly snatched from his parents' love and hands." "No condolences are desired," the death notice concluded.

Distinct traces of glacial erosion can be found on rocks from Lake Isle in Lake Erie.

## New Glass Heart May Prove Great Life-Saver



A view of the new and revolutionary artificial "heart-lung" developed by scientists at the Pils Institute in Velle, Springfield, Ohio, is seen here. The device, so simple that any laborator technician can build it, weighs only four pounds and costs about \$60 to build. In a recent test a 26-pound dog was kept alive for more than two hours with the device, maintaining normal breathing, blood pressure, etc. During the test, Surgeons found many uses for the device, called the Pils oxygenator. It can be used to bypass the heart and lungs while the organs undergo repair to the lungs and after drugs to take effect during pneumonia or other ailments; to rest the heart and allow it to beat freely many days after occlusion of the vital organs; to save drowning victims from death and to supply oxygenated blood to newborn infants who fail to begin breathing soon enough.

## Alberta And Sask. Farmers' Unions To Work Together

EDMONTON.—Alberta and Saskatchewan farmers' unions will co-operate more closely in the future, particularly in the matter of farm price levels. Henry O. Young, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, said Mr. Young said the two unions are in complete agreement that something will have to be done soon regarding adjustment of farm prices in ratio to prices in other fields. Mr. Young has just returned from the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union which was held Dec. 15 at Saskatoon. Mr. Young stated that both the Saskatchewan and Alberta groups are pressing for satisfactory settlement soon on the five year wheat pool. He said the federal government is expected to make final payments to farmers in January.

## Princess Given Gold Necklace

ATHENS, Greece.—Princess Elizabeth received a necklace of ancient gold coins from the time of Alexander the Great. It was presented to her by Sophocles Venizelos, Greek Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Greek government. The necklace was the gift of the head of Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander. He struck it in memory of his father after he succeeded to the throne in 336 B.C. The presentation was made aboard the frigate Burpise, where Princess Elizabeth and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh gave a cocktail party. King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece were among the guests.

## Blames Most Accidents On Too Much Thinking

WINNIPEG.—F. S. Jones, secretary of the Automotive Trades Association here, said that people who think too much are the chief cause of traffic accidents. He said that he had found professors the worst offenders "when it comes to having something else on their mind besides their driving."

He said doctors are second worst, adding "When I ran a service station, I found doctors great on pre-empting too much on their mind more than three days without sleeping a fender."

## THE TILERS



## Death Removed Several Noted Canadian Political Figures

(By The Canadian Press)

Death removed many notable Canadian political figures during 1950. Former Prime Minister Mackenzie King died at 75 on July 22. The great Liberal leader, whose 21-year tenure of office in 1948 set a Commonwealth record, died quietly at his summer home in nearby Kingsmere after a period of semi-invalidism. With him died a man who stretched back over three decades of Canadian political history.

The former Prime Minister had retired from the political scene before the 1948 general election. He was honored with a state funeral in the Capital and was buried beside his father and mother in Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

One of Mr. King's former cabinet colleagues also died during the year. One was big, jovial Humphrey Mitchell, labor minister, who died 10 days after Mr. King in an Ottawa hospital where he had gone for a routine checkup. He had been sick for some time.

Five senators and four members of the House of Commons, or former members, died during the year. The senators were Charles Ballantyne, Progressive Conservative from Quebec; George Burpee Jones, Progressive Conservative from New Brunswick; Arthur Lesage, Liberal from Quebec; and Edgar S. Leger, Progressive Conservative from New Brunswick and Edmund St. Pierre, Liberal from Quebec.

The Commons were Glasgow Bell, Liberal from Ontario; R. B. Bennett, Liberal from Ontario; and J. L. Church, Conservative from Ontario. A Conservative member for Toronto Broadview, and a Liberal member for Montreal Carleton.

John R. MacNeil, the globe-trotting Liberal member for Rimouski, member for Toronto Davenport, who was defeated in the 1949 federal election, died in June.

Death also struck at the Capital's diplomatic ranks. Laurence Steinhardt, United States ambassador to Canada, was killed March 28 when his plane crashed near Ottawa while flying Mr. Steinhardt to New York.

Oliver prominent in government circles died far from Canada's shores. He was Alex Skeleton, 44, minister of trade and commerce and one of the country's foremost economists, who was drowned in a yachting accident at Lagos, Nigeria. He had been on loan to the Royal Canadian Commission studying Nigeria's revenue code.

This chicken must have been mechanically inclined. Owned by a gaso-station operator at Leslie, Mass., his gizzard yielded one half-inch nut, two grease nipples, one valve cap, coupling an engine and four screws.

A soccer match was cancelled at Aachen, France, because the captain of one of the teams swallowed the loose-up coin. Both captains were standing close to the referee when they drew the coin into the air and it fell into the mouth of M. Dubucque. He was rushed to hospital, where the coin was removed by operation.

One Regina family have a rather different way of weighing their Christmas turkey. They get on their bathroom scale first with and then without the bird, subtract the two weights, one from the other and the answer is of course Mr. Tom Turkey's weight.

## STUNG

CHICAGO.—Thieves broke a window in Ned Rossin's automobile and stole a large, gaily-decorated Christmas box.

I guess whoever took it didn't stop to find out what he had, Rossin told police.

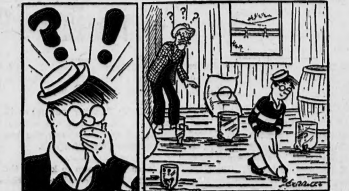
Inside the bulky package, he said, were cashes. Rossin carried them in his car—in case he got stalled on icy roads.

The maximum wingspread of a snow bird is about 3½ feet.

## MACDONALD'S

Canada's Standard Smoke

—By Les Carroll



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

## THE HOPE CHEST

By LAURA KING

THE landlady was out, so the priestess of the curio shop in the basement of the old brownstone house let Marcia in to wait and found her a chair. It was a fragile structure, but the girl who perched restlessly on its edge was almost as fragile with an odorous delicacy which might have stepped out of her grandmother's generation.

"You've been here long?" Marcia asked, attempting conversation.

"Yes, but not in this particular basement."

"The landlady . . ." began Marcia.

"She always returns by dinnertime. You're welcome to wait. The shop doesn't close until six."

As if to reassure her, an old-fashioned clock struck five. Pressing a button, the proprietress lighted a number of lamps on shelves in the "curio" window.

The lighted lamps, like giant fireflies, started to blink rhythmically across the winter dusk.

Marcia stood up. "Maybe she'll be late. Maybe I shouldn't stay."

"You want a room?"

"I'm not quite sure. I have a room at the hotel."

"That sounds as if you're a newcomer."

"No, I've been here three months."

"Then it's more than just a night-seeping trip?"

The curio lady's face was kind, not curious. Without realizing it, the girl began telling this chance acquaintance with the friendly eyes about Aunt Gertrude with whom she lived in Virginia till she left for college.

About the mother she barely remembered . . . about the dreams which had brought her to New York.

Then the words tumbled out. She could sing, but a girl needed money to be coached.

"Aunt Gertrude, who was like a mother, went last winter," she added.

"And your father?"

Marcia answered, "He never came back from the first war."

"WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE—"

Without caring just how far out of bed he was in the morning, Marcia went to the bathroom.

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Her Hope Chest Was Different

"But you look such a younger girl."

Marcia nodded. "And that has also handicapped me, looking for a job."

"What you need is a hope chest."

"The word brought a flush to Marcia's cheeks. "He's gone. We had quarrel and . . . well, it's all over."

The curio lady took a box of ivory from the high shelf, touching it as though it was a flower. "I didn't mean that sort of a hope chest," she said. "I meant one like mine. My father bought this for me, years ago. It came from this very house."

"Oh!" There was a new light in Marcia's eyes. She leaned forward to listen.

"There were two beautiful sisters living here before the first war. One was married, but they say both always loved the same man, and that the husband went to Germany as a war correspondent because he couldn't decide between them."

"The girl who was left behind was killed, rumor says he exposed himself needlessly, and eight months after his death the wife gave birth to a baby daughter."

Marcia touched theasket with her fingers that trembled as she quickly drew it from above. "You mean it was a hope chest?"

"Pleasently enough to nod to them. We moved in a different world, but the girl's life was so different."

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GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER was chosen by 12 Atlantic alliance nations to become the supreme commander to organize an international army to keep the peace in Europe.

## Another Car Bonsel Cancelled

ROBESON, Sask.—The Robeson Curling club has cancelled its automobile hospital, scheduled to start Jan. 15, 1951. The decision to call off the event was made at a special club meeting, attended by over 50 members.

Opposition to the 'spiel was voiced by many members who felt that it took too much regular time and that a large percentage of the members were never in favor of staging the 'spiel in the first place.

Ninety-three trucks had entered the rock-raft at closing time, had paid the \$108 entry fee in advance and will get refund.

Nipawin, originator of the automobile hospital, has decided to discontinue being the only centre in Saskatchewan still staging car 'spels. Nipawin's fifth annual car 'spiel will start Jan. 8, 1951.

NAME REGIONAL DIRECTORS FOR PRAIRIES AND B.C.

OTTAWA.—The post office department announced the appointments of regional directors for the prairies and the British Columbia region.

P. E. Joffe of Ottawa becomes regional director of the prairies region with headquarters in Winnipeg.

He succeeds George A. Boyle, who has been appointed regional director of the British Columbia region.

## ARMY TO BE SOLELY FOR PEACE

ST. LOUIS, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said his new command is being formed solely for the preservation of peace, with no belligerent attitude or purpose.

Eisenhower however said he doesn't see why Russia would consider his appointment as supreme commander of an integrated European defence force as an aggressive move on the part of the United States.

Re-elected

THE POWER.—J. L. Phelps was re-elected president of the Saskatchewan Farmers union for a second year.

Formerly a grain buyer at Gill Plains, Grandview and Dauphin, Mr. Phelps moved to Kamsel, Sask., and later to Saskatoon.

Feasting On Caribou Steaks

The people of Fort Chipewyan, Alta., northern Alberta outpost are feasting on caribou steaks which practically walked into the frying pan.

For the first time in many years, the caribou has been so numerous that thousands of caribou recently moved down from the barren northern wastelands and small groups ran wild through the streets in their trek to new feeding grounds. Some were shot.

Four prize animals were slaughtered directly in front of the school caretaker's home.

The three parts of a meal are nucleus, corn and carrot.

## WESTERN BRIEFS

## Manning Sets Date

EDMONTON.—Premier R. C. Manning announced that the tentative opening date for the next session of the Alberta legislature has been set for Feb. 22.

## Annexation Urged

DAUPHIN, Man.—The council of the Rural Municipality of Dauphin has decided on action toward incorporation within the town boundaries of five fringe areas—Crescent, Kim Park, Westmore, River Heights and Lanvick.

## Turn Down Sunday Sport

VANCOUVER.—Sundays with hockey, baseball, movies, horse racing and open-doored taverns got thumbs down from Vancouver voters in a plebiscite . . . by a majority of nearly 10,000 votes.

## Famed Gardens Owner Dies

VICTORIA, B.C.—Mrs. R. P. Butchart, owner of the world famous Butchart's garden, died at her home. She was 93. The gardens, fashioned around an old stone quarry at Tod Inlet, have been a tourist attraction for many years.

## Sask. Farmers' View

EDMONTON.—Saskatchewan farmers' union wants the federal government to pay "not less than 25 cents" for additional grain delivered under the five-year wheat pool arrangement. The union's annual convention passed a resolution to that effect.

## Family Allowances

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask.—Family allowances are changing the Eskimo's eating habits, say Dr. J. P. Moody, and the change is for the worse.

Everywhere the white man's food is eagerly sought by the natives. Dr. Moody told a series of luncheon meetings.

But the native food of the far north is not as healthy as the Arctic life—in July and August; caribou in fall and winter; seal meat in the spring. Natives who eat a lot of seal meat are well supplied with all the requirements of a healthy diet, the doctor said.

But the natives have had to be warned against excessive use of flour and sugar, and their method of cooking which involves loss of vitamins.

At the Eskimo hospital in North Battleford, about 3½ years as a field medical officer in the eastern Arctic, based at Chesterfield Inlet. He travelled 20,000 miles in the Arctic north by airplane, dog team and canoe.

Limited Hunting Of Elk For Farmers In Manitoba

WINNIPEG.—The provincial government announced that limited shooting of elk by farmers in the area surrounding Riding Mountain National park will be permitted Dec. 15 to Jan. 31.

G. W. Macdonald, provincial game and fisheries director, said the purpose of the special open season is to reduce the number of "several hundred" elk which have filtered from their park sanctuary to forage farms crops in surrounding districts. A year ago some 1,300 elk were counted in the farm area.

Licenses for farmers only will cost \$5 and the bag limit will be one animal of either sex and any age. Mr. Malher said there may be a season for all Manitobans later if crop damage continues.

Shooting is limited to an area bounded on the east and north by C.N.R. tracks from Rosburn Junction to Dauphin and to the west by the highway 31 and on the south by the C.N.R. line from Dauphin to Winnipeg.

Water Getting Harder

MOORE JAW, Sask.—Moore Jaw water is getting harder. The amount of sodium sulphate now is four times as great as in 1949. Chemists say that the sulphate will cause the water to be found its way into the city water supply.

By Chuck Thurston

## Selected Recipes :

Golden crisp chicken, cooked in butter, flavored with onion and celery, and served with peas and sweet potatoes, is something special for family and guests.

Butter Crisp Chicken

One 2 to 3 lb. frying chicken, salt, pepper, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. paprika, butter, shortening, thyme, thin onion rings.

Draw chicken and cut into serving pieces. Rinse in cold water and shake in a bag, shake 3 or 4 pieces of chicken in the bag with well coated.

Heat enough butter and shortening in a heavy skillet to make a layer of fat about ½ inch deep. Place chicken in hot fat and brown on both sides. Place chicken, 1 layer deep in shallow baking pans. Sprinkle with thyme and onion rings. Four melted butter and shortening over chicken. Bake in a moderate oven (325 degrees F.) until tender, about 25 to 30 minutes. Baste with melted butter after 15 minutes of baking.

SENDS APPLS TO KOREA FOR \$24; COST 15c THERE

YOUNG AMERICAN GI STRUGGLES with his billet with a huge Christmas package.

His mother paid \$24 to ship it to him by air.

It was a bushel of apples.

In Korea, a bushel of apples costs 15 cents.

The chewing gum industry dates back to 1860.

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Jack Elms

the many hazards and risks prairie farmers have to contend with, drought, untimely rains, rust, frost, hail, swiftness, wireworms, plant diseases, seed and soil diseases and a number of other risks. Is it any wonder that students of agriculture term Western Canada an unstable agriculture? Those who live in cities here and overseas and who are tempted to criticize the occasional high prices for wheat and other agricultural products should bear in mind these great risks that the bulk of our prairie farmers have to and which result at times in low yields to the acre. The farmer there is certainly entitled at all times to the highest prices that buyers are able and willing to pay.

The annual Gleichen Bonspiel will be staged next week, Jan. 22 to 27. There will be three competitions for which there will be good prizes offered. Entries for the bonspiel will close next Saturday at 6 o'clock. On Burns' Night, Jan. 25th, a banquet, dance and carnival will be put on in the Community hall. The chicken supper is scheduled to begin at 6 o'clock. As usual there will be bagpipes to entertain the crowd.

The rat control program in Alberta is well underway with 110 local pest control officers already appointed. Some 20 preserved rat specimens are now on display in the offices of dis-

trict agriculturists and municipal secretaries, and everyone is urged to see one of these specimens and find out what the Norway rat looks like. W. Lohy, supervisor of pest control, Alberta Department of Agriculture, advises that numerous rodents have been brought in for identification. Although many of them proved to be muskrats or pocket gophers the interest displayed is commendable. As far as is known, all rats seen in the province have been killed but it is possible that others may be as large. Everyone should remain on the alert for signs of this pest. A new compound that has proved effective in poison bait is now ready for use. Previously named Compound 42, this poison is now known as Warfarin. Commercial products containing this poison may be identified by the names Compound 42 or Warfarin on the container. Warfarin is readily accepted by both rats and mice, and no pre-baiting is required. Mr. Lohy points out that poisoning, although very effective in many cases, is not the only method of killing rats. Trapping, fumigating, and other means of destruction should be employed whenever necessary. Any signs of rats, whether the pests are killed or not, should be reported immediately to the pest control officer, district agriculturist, or to the Field Crop Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.



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**Principles of Weed Control**  
The remarkable advance in weed warfare that has accompanied the introduction, wide farmer acceptance, and effective use of 2,4-D has not changed the basic principles of weed control. The successful control of a weed still requires a knowledge of its habits, its growth requirements, and more particularly of how it reproduces and spreads.

Weed species fall into two main groups—annuals and perennials. Annuals—Annual weeds, such as Wild Mustard and Stinkweed, live but one year, produce a crop of seed, and then die. Annuals reproduce by seeds only. Obvious methods of controlling annuals have one principal purpose—the prevention of seeding. This may be attained in many different ways—mowing, burning, cultivating, through the use of chemicals. The easiest way to dispose of annual weeds is to kill them in their early growth stages. 2,4-D is a most efficient tool for this purpose.

**Perennials**—The most difficult weeds to control are perennials. They live for three or more years and spread not only by seed but also by underground roots or stems (rhizomes). Consequently, the successful control of perennials by 2,4-D, or other herbicides, requires deep penetration of chemicals into the root system, a requirement which makes them more difficult to kill with chemicals than annuals.

In summarizing perennials, three problems are involved: (1) To prevent seed formation; (2) To kill all seedlings developing from seed already present in the soil; (3) To eradicate existing stands of old established plants. Thus the successful control of most perennial weeds requires a combination of special tillage and cropping methods, supplemented by the use of clean seed and the timely use of 2,4-D, or other weed-killing chemicals. It is these difficult problems that every prairie farmer who has a full-scale war on weeds in 1951.

## HERE AND THERE

Mrs. M. W. Bolliger, Mrs. W. Morrison and Mrs. N. A. Hiddell attended the annual rally of the Calgary Presbyterian Women's Association of the United Church of Canada, held in the parlors of Central United Church last Friday.

Mrs. D. Deshayes who has been a resident of Gleichen for many years has disposed of her property and has moved to Calgary where she will reside in future.

The Seale Grain Company has just issued a report which states that there are still unthreshed, mainly in the south and now lying under the snow 1,700,000 acres of wheat representing about 80 million bushels of grain or 7 percent of the entire 1950 wheat crop. Unthreshed wheat that must lie out all winter under the snow and may have to meet the risk of a wet spring—in which event much of it might be lost—illustrates

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